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SOMALIA: Siad's Growing Unease

//President Siad's increasing frustration in the face of mounting military and tribal unrest prompted him earlier this month to arrest and threaten to execute seven senior officials, reconsider recent economic reforms, and question the value of close relations with Washington. // [redacted]

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//Siad is alarmed by increasing public discontent. He also is worried about possible coup plotting in the Army, which stems in part from his heavyhanded rule and his policy of tribal favoritism. The defections of military and government personnel to the exile dissident movements in Ethiopia are strengthening the opposition and leaving Siad more isolated than ever before.// [redacted]

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//The President told the US Ambassador the seven officials had been conspiring to overthrow him. He has indicated to other Somali officials that he is considering an end to recent reforms in the inefficient and corrupt centralized economy, even though the reforms were put into effect to appease important segments of the population.// [redacted]

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//Siad also has expressed disappointment with the level of US aid. Some Somalis view the arrest of former Defense Minister Omar Haji, who is vocally pro-US, as a sign that relations with Washington may cool. US representatives' contacts at the working level with some Somali counterparts already show signs of becoming less frequent and more formal.// [redacted]

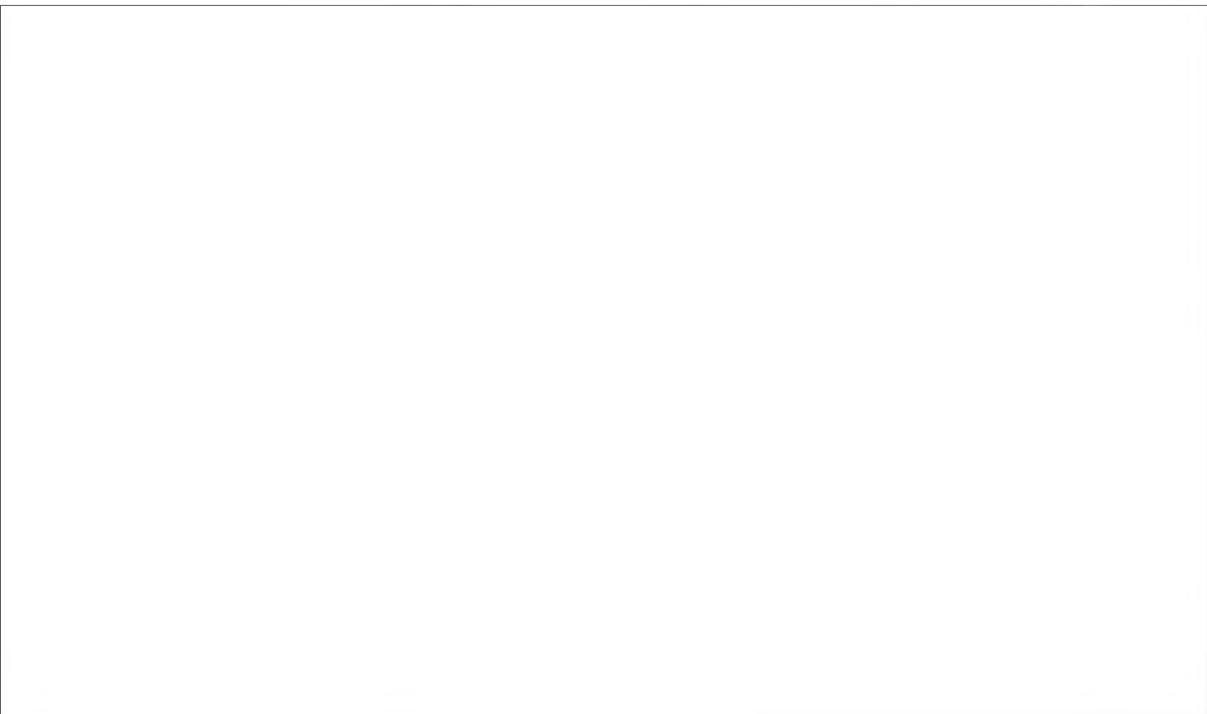
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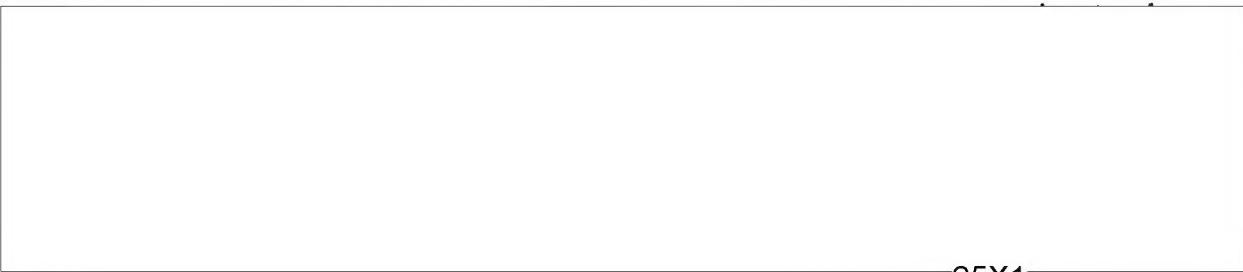
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ZAIRE: Politicians on Trial

//Thirteen former legislators who had tried to form an anti-Mobutu party are being tried for treason. Several 25X1 hundred of their supporters peacefully protested the opening of the trial on Saturday, and the government reportedly has arrested over 200 as opposition sympathizers.//



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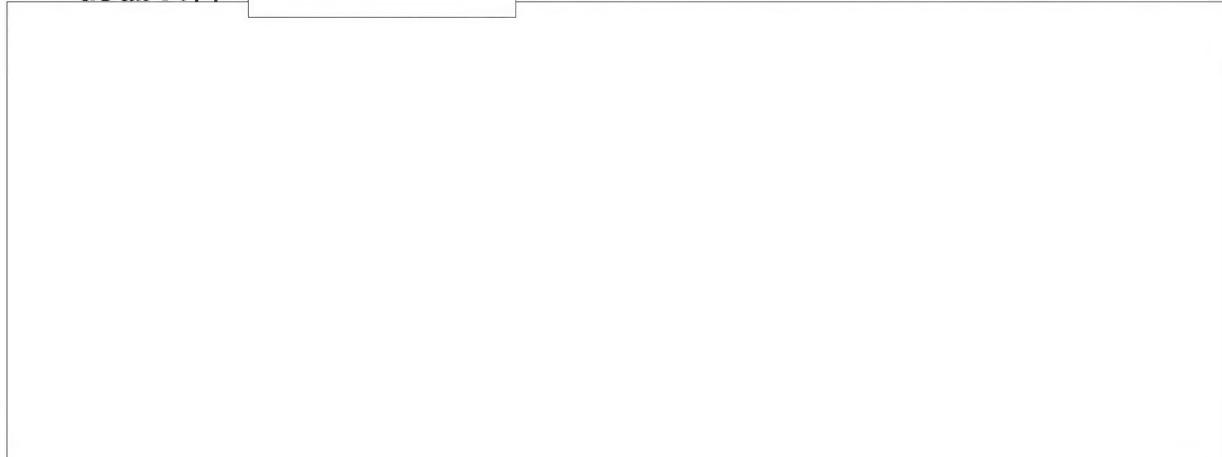
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WESTERN EUROPE - TURKEY: Human Rights Action

//Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden and Norway apparently are ready, after extensive consultation, to bring formal charges against Turkey before the European Human Rights Commission. The four nations state that they will lodge a joint complaint by the end of June which could lead to an investigation of alleged violations. French participation, previously thought certain, is now in doubt.//

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